

II. Remarks

Claim 36 has been added herein, to additionally claim the invention.

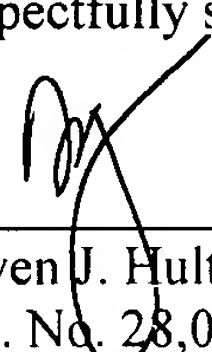
It is requested that examination proceed on the basis of claims 1-36 as now pending in the application.

Fee Payable for Added Claim 36

The addition of claim 36 increases the number of total claims by 1 beyond the number previously paid for and does not increase the number of independent claims beyond 3 in number.

Accordingly, the added claim fee of \$9.00 is authorized to be charged by the Commissioner for Patents by the enclosed Credit Card Payment Form. Any deficiency or additional fee payable in respect of the entry of this preliminary amendment is hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account number 08-3284 of Intellectual Property/Technology Law.

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